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Again, the government fails to protect the American people. I am very surprised and disappointed that the above docket was not revised to include.

- Mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, as well as
- Long-term, independent studies of genetically engineered foods.

American is supposed to be the pioneer, protector, and educator of the world. America holds a huge responsibility to not only itself, but to the world. If this is the case, why do so many other countries (Europe, Japan, and New Zealand among others) already require labeling and testing? It is a shame that we are so far behind so many countries that obviously put their people before big business.

The food and drug administration requires up to two years for a food additive; however, GE foods can be put on the market without even a minimum of 90 days.

LABELING

The American people have a right to know what they are buying. I should have the right to decide whether I wish to be someone's guinea pig or not. I would have to volunteer before a life saving drug can be administered, but I do not have the right to know what is in the food I am eating.

Please reconsider so that others and I can make informed choices between brand A and brand B.

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Sincerely,

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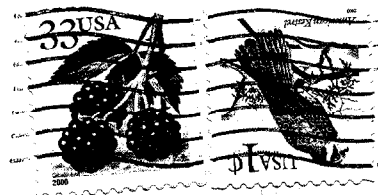
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